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LUSAKA FOR ASST SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE

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TAGS: OVIP (SCHAUFEELE, WILLIAM E.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE

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1. PRESIDENCY HAS CONFIRMED MOBUTU WILL BE IN SHABA REGION
JULY 10-12 AND REQUESTS THAT SCHAUFEELE ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI BEFORE
NOON, JULY 12. (MOBUTU APPARENTLY INTENDS TO DEPART LUBUMBASHI
LATE JULY 12 OR JULY 13 TO ATTEND OPENING CEREMONY OF TANZAM
RAILROAD IN DAR ES SALAAM JULY 14.) EMBASSY HAS INFORMED
PRESIDENCY WE WOULD DO BEST WE COULD IN MEETING MOBUTU'S REQUEST.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, DAR-NAIROBI AND NAIROBI-KINSHASA FLIGHT
NO LONGER NECESSARY.

3. SCHEDULES FOR JULY 12 AS NOW STRUCTURED WOULD NOT MEET MOBUTU'S
DESIRES, ALTHOUGH IT POSSIBLE HE WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE. FORESEE
POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH MAPUTO SCHEDULE, IF INCLUDED IN
ITINERARY, SINCE EARLIEST SCHAUFEELE ABLE ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI WOULD
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BE LATE AFTERNOON JULY 12, REGARDLESS OF ROUTING/AIRCRAFT USED.

THEREFORE ABILITY TO ACCEDE TO MOBUTU'S REQUEST WOULD SEEM TO HINGE ON MAPUTO VISIT.

4. IF MAPUTO VISIT TAKES PLACE, EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO SEEK DELAY IN SCHAUFLE-MOBUTU MEETING UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING JULY 12, UNLESS THERE POSSIBILITY LEAVING MAPUTO EARLIER IN MORNING. IN LIGHT MAPUTO'S 0765, CHARTER SEEMS BEST TO TRANSPORT SCHAUFLE DIRECTLY TO LUBUMBASHI FROM MAPUTO.

5. IF MAPUTO VISIT DOES NOT OCCUR, EARLIER COMMERCIAL FLIGHT DAR-LUSAKA APPEARS FEASIBLE WITH CONNECTION IN NAIROBI, JULY 11, E.G.: DAR-NAIROBI EC 932, 1130-1420 OR

DAR-NAIROBI EC 926, 1300-1500

NAIROBI-LUSAKA QZ 501, 1730-1920

HOWEVER, SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING AIRCRAFT IN DAR TO FLY SCHAUFLE DIRECT TO LUBUMBASHI AFTERNOON JULY 11. ALTERNATIVELY, CHARTER AGAIN BEST FLY TO LUSAKA JULY 11 WITH PICK-UP BY KINSHASA DATT AIRCRAFT.

6. IF ABOVE ALTERNATIVES UNACCEPTABLE AND ITINERARY REMAINS AS PROPOSED REFS B & C, KINSHASA DATT PLANE COULD PICK-UP SCHAUFLE IN LUSAKA JULY 12 (REF A). IN THIS LATTER EVENT, AMBASSADOR BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE HE FLY IN AIRCRAFT TO LUSAKA IN ORDER TO USE RETURN FLIGHT TO LUBUMBASHI FOR CONSULTATIONS/BRIEFINGS BEFORE MEETING WITH MOBUTU, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. LUSAKA 1741 JUST RECEIVED. IN LIGHT INFO IT CONTAINS, WE ARE UNDERTAKING TO ASK PRESIDENCY TO DEFER MEETING AS LATE IN DAY JULY 12 AS POSSIBLE.
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